

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST) | ORDER GRANTING |
| FOR AN ELECTRIC SERVICE RIGHTS) | APPROVAL OF AN |
| EXCEPTION BETWEEN SIOUX VALLEY-) | EXCEPTION TO THE |
| SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,) | ASSIGNED ELECTRIC |
| INC. D/B/A SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY AND) | SERVICE TERRITORY |
| LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.) | EL05-002 |

On January 13, 2005, Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Sioux Valley Energy (Sioux Valley) and Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., Rock Rapids, Iowa (Lyon) filed a joint request with the Public Utilities Commission for approval of an Electric Service Rights Exception. The exception would allow Lyon to provide electrical service to Joel and Dawn Grim's new rural residence in Sioux Valley's territory. The location of the new rural residential service is located in the W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 101 North, Range 47 West in Minnehaha County, South Dakota. Joel and Dawn Grim have consented to the transfer. The agreement will automatically terminate upon removal or abandonment of such service.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of February 8, 2005, the Commission considered the matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the joint request.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-42 and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that Lyon may provide electrical service to Joel and Dawn Grim's new rural residence as it will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and promote the efficient use and development of the electric systems of Sioux Valley and Lyon. Further, the Commission finds that an exception to the assigned service territory is in the public interest and the request shall be granted. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of an exception to the assignment of service territory is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of February, 2005.

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| The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon. |
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

GARY HANSON, Chairman

ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner